



By Gene Alleman

Unlike the weather about which rejoicings for military service we talk constantly, yet never do we hear higher than among city anything about Michigan rural youths. Some of their physical health is due for improvement. Defects were due—of all things! Here's a frank picture of the—to faulty nutrition. Among Michigan rural youths. Because farmers have received

only about one-tenth of the national income during the past decade or so, the following conditions prevailed in Michigan farm homes as of 1940. Less than one-third had running water—a simple convenience that was available to 97 out of 100 Michigan city homes. Only one out of six farm homes had an indoor toilet, or a bath tub or shower. The city average was nine out of ten homes. One out of four farm homes has central heating; one of seven cooked with gas or electricity. One of eight had mechanical refrigeration; one of four had a telephone. In fact, in only one county—Washtenaw—did as

many as one-half of the farm homes have a telephone. Furthermore, better pay and a trend to specialization have combined to attract new doctors to cities. Alcona county, for example, 2,732 persons per active physician in 1945 (a wartime year) as compared with 828 persons per doctor in Wayne county, Detroit. Lack of modern hospitals in rural areas has contributed to the steady decline of physicians there. What's happening to change this picture? Well, two things among others. First, Price inflation has set a new high mark for farm income

Cash receipts in 1946 were 208 per cent above the average for 1935 to 1939, according to Uncle Sam's department of Agriculture. Farmers came out of the war with cash in the sock. Many of them are modernizing their homes. Second, Michigan physicians, members of the Michigan State Medical Society, have rolled up their sleeves—to use a phrase—and are going to do something about lagging rural health. The first state rural health conference was held a few days ago at Michigan State College under auspices of the medical society. Cooperating agencies included the Michigan

State Grange and Michigan Farm Bureau. Out of this conference came several constructive steps. Medical scholarships will be awarded to students who will practice in rural communities for a minimum period of three to five years. Local health councils are to be established to "assist, coordinate and implement all programs contributing to the health of the people." "Medical associates" are to be recruited to assist doctors in their actual work. Medical and hospital insurance benefits will be extended to Michigan rural residents by the Michigan Medical

Servie's Blue Cross. The first community-wide enrollment is set for St. Johns (Clinton County) in October. Dr. Emory W. Morris, Battle Creek, president of the W. K. Kellogg Foundation, and Dr. A. C. Furstenburg, dean of the U. of M. Medical School, recommended that rural hospitals provide facilities for doctors, nurses, dentists and public health officials. The above program is a harbinger of what is coming. Better health for Michigan farm folk is on the way.

Ferndale Adult Education Classes Will Begin Oct. 6
As in previous years, many local residents will be attending the Ferndale Adult Evening School which begins October 6, according to Harold Wilcox, director of the Ferndale Board of Education Adult Evening School. All classes will meet in Lincoln High School at 7:15 p. m. unless otherwise scheduled. Wilcox announced. Registrations are accepted by mail or at the Adult Education office, Lincoln High School, from 2:30 p. m. until 5 p. m.

Dr. Schooley Will Teach Post-Graduate Course in Des Moines
Dr. Thomas F. Schooley, osteopathic physician, has been named to the post-graduate faculty of the Des Moines State College of Osteopathy at Des Moines, Iowa. He will not be at his office here until Oct. 27, when his term at Des Moines as instructor of technique will have been completed. Dr. Schooley has been greatly interested in the new field of cranial manipulation since 1944, and says that recent advances made in this field have opened the door to thousands of children and adults who suffer from injuries to the brain and nervous system. This system of treatment will also be able to restore hundreds of children to normalcy who would otherwise go through life under severe handicaps due to head injuries received at birth, he believes.

Some classes offered are algebra, geometry, trigonometry, bookkeeping, china painting, ceramics, fabric painting, interior home decoration, jewelry, lip reading, millinery, needlework, oil painting, photography, sewing and tailoring, slip covering, Spanish, shorthand, typing, woodshop, and others.

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